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SUBJECT: SAUDI CONCERN ABOUT BILL BANNING ARMS SALES TO GULF

1. ACTING MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MOHAMMED MAS'UD TOLD AMBASSADOR AKINS FEBRUARY 23 SAG WAS CONCERNED ABOUT REPORT IT HAD RECEIVED THAT DAY THAT SENATOR KENNEDY HAD TABLED A BILL CUTTING OFF ARMS SALES TO SAUDI ARABIA.

2. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT EMBASSY HAD ONLY HEARD THIS NEWS VIA BROADCASTS SAME MORNING, THAT THE KENNEDY BILL APPARENTLY PROPOSED TO CUT OFF ARMS SALES FOR SIX MONTHS TO ALL GULF COUNTRIES, INCLUDING IRAN. SAUDI ARABIA WAS NOT RPT NOT BEING SINGLED OUT. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT A DRAFT BILL BY A SINGLE SENATOR COULD NOT BE SAID TO REPRESENT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, BUT IN RESPONSE TO MAS'UD'S REQUEST, AMBASSADOR AGREED TO SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT BILL FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY INFORMATION AND REASSURANCE WE CAN PASS TO MAS'UD ON KENNEDY BILL.

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